

SHIPPING NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

ANTI-PRIMARY BILL READY THIS WEEK

Measure Provides Referendum
on Question of Restoring
Party Conventions.

STATE SENATE IS BUSY

Assembly Forced to Mark Time
Owing to Inquiry Into Ouster
of Five Socialists.

ALBANY, Feb. 1.—The New York Assembly is marking time owing to the investigation of the eligibility of the five Socialist members, but the Senate is forging ahead in the legislative march and is making steady progress. The work of the upper house in the next two weeks will be devoted almost entirely to the introduction of bills, and by the middle of the month committee hearings should be well along.

One of the important measures to be introduced in both houses of the legislature this week will be a bill to provide for a referendum at the spring primaries on the old question of recalling the direct primary law so as to restore the old system of party nominating conventions for State and judicial officers. Gov. Smith is reported to be well disposed toward the restoration of the old system provided the voters approve, and Senator George W. Walters, majority leader in the Senate and many of the influential legislators also are said to favor the plan.

Senator Henry M. Sage is preparing to introduce this week legislation to make the way toward final determination of the State's policy in respect to hydroelectric development. It is probable this bill will be introduced to-morrow night.

Clear Way for Development.

It is designed to prohibit the diversion of any waters from boundary streams on the part of any corporation heretofore chartered by the State. Corporations have been granted to four or five companies, authorizing them to erect power houses on the Niagara River and divert the waters of that stream.

The ultimate purpose of the sage bill is to acquire for the State full title to all potential power in boundary streams so that it may adopt a fixed policy of hydroelectric development, and it is in the plan of the Republican leaders, through enactment of the measure, to clear the way for the projected development. The State claims title to waters in boundary streams, it owns the property rights to the streams, and it also has power rights in the forest preserve, but until constitutional restrictions are removed by a referendum the State cannot cut timber, build dams or impound waters within the forest preserve.

In the session it is proposed to introduce a bill to create a commission to represent the State in negotiations with the United States and with Canada to determine the quantity of water that may be diverted from the Adirondack and St. Lawrence rivers.

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The State, on cross-examination will endeavor to refute the motives of the Socialists by showing that one of them had introduced a bill to repeal the law creating the State Guard after the National Guard of this State was mobilized and sent to the war under Major-General C. Ryon. The attorneys will also bring out the American record, showing action by the Socialists in the Governor's war policy. Several of the attacks started incipient riots nearly resulting in the exchange of blows.

The State during the coming week will call as witnesses three Syracuse Socialists, who were convicted of espionage, and are now on bail waiting an appeal. Considerable documentary evidence is yet to be presented.

It is expected that the Socialists will be allowed to present their case to the court, and that the trial will be adjourned.

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Many Bills Under Way.

Senate Minority Leader James W. Walker is endeavoring to have introduced a bill to regulate the right of the public to carry out the recommendations contained in Gov. Smith's annual message. All these measures have been submitted to the bill drafting commission for preparation, and it is expected that most of them will be completed before the week end adjournment.

A bill designed to carry out the governor's recommendation for municipal ownership of public utilities already has been introduced by Senator J. Samuel M. Small, who last year secured favorable action in the Senate with the aid of the small Democratic minority and three insurgent Republicans.

The bill is endorsed by the State Conference of Municipalities.

Other recommendations of the Governor to be introduced as legislation, probably this week, include: Minimum wage for men and children in industry, home rule for cities; the recommendations of Josephine E. Conner, Moreland act commissioner investigating the State Industrial Commission, and of the recommendations of George Gordon Battle, Moreland act commissioner investigating the State Department of Farms and Markets.

Mr. Battle urges the abolishment of the Department of Farms and Markets with its supervision and control in the hands of a new bureau after the reorganization of the State Department of Education by the Board of Regents, and a return to the single headed Department of Agriculture.

SENDS EX-LOVER TO CHAIR.

Girl in Prison Refuses to Reveal Murder Date to Save Harrison.

Mildred Kline will not reveal the testimony she gave against her one-time sweetheart, Bickey Harrison, to send him to the electric chair for the murder of George Gridliff at the Knickerbocker Waters Club. From Sing Sing prison last night came word that Miss Helen Cobb, superintendent at Bedford Reformatory for Women, has reported that the Kline girl refuses to alter her story of Harrison's movements on the night of the murder.

Miss Cobb, it was learned recently, had been convinced that Mildred Kline had lied to the police, and gave testimony at trial that when Harrison's girl was questioned yesterday she refused to story and refused to change it.

Harrison, who was scheduled to die with Gridliff, got a minute's respite from the Governor.

FRANCE HONORS HEROES' KIN.

Relatives of American Dead to Receive Certificates.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 1.—Honorary certificates will be presented to the next of kin of the American soldiers, sailors and marines who died in the war by the French Government, through the posts of the American Legion on Washington Boulevard, it was announced at Legion headquarters last night.

Arrangements have been made for the distribution of 118,000 of the certificates, which are an expression of appreciation by the French Republic for Americans who made the supreme sacrifice.

Meantime, Frank Luccasio, the missing man's husband, and his brother, Salvatore Luccasio, are in jail on the charge of murder. They deny they know anything about Mrs. Luccasio's disappearance.

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With the officials at Hackensack, N. J., arrived against her and determined that she shall not interfere in the case, Mrs. Grace Humiston, who underwent on Friday to solve the mystery of the disappearance of Mrs. Frank Luccasio, of that town, found yesterday that all her moves had been anticipated. Her plan to expose the Luccasio case was wiped out the declaration that she would be arrested if she started to die. The permit needed before she can begin work along the lines of the theory that Mrs. Luccasio's body is buried there will not be issued, the Chief of Police said last night.

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